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SUBJ: TROUBLES IN TRANSCO METHANOL PROJECT

REF: STATE 15974

1. MOSSADEGHI, MANAGING DIRECTOR, NIGC, CONFIRMED THAT THERE WILL BE SOME DELAY IN FINAL AGREEMENT WITH TRANSCO. HE REPORTED THAT DR. EQHBAL HAD WRITTEN A LETTER TO TRANSCO OUTLINING "A FEW CHANGES" WHICH NIOC DEEMED APPROPRIATE. MOSSADEGHI HAD DISCUSSED THESE CHANGES WITH WILLHELM SEVERAL DAYS AGO IN GENEVA.

2. AS A RESULT NIOC HAS EXTENDED ITS LETTER OF INTENT WITH TRANSCO FOR TWO MONTHS IN ORDER TO PERMIT TRANSCO TO SUBMIT ITS VIEWS.

3. MOSSADEGHI INDICATED THAT THE CHANGED ATTITUDE WAS DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE BACK-CORRIDOR WORK OF NIPC MANAGING DIRECTOR BAQER MOSTOFI AND THAT IT DID NOT RPT NOT INDICATE ANY BACKING OFF BY THE SHAH FROM COMPLETING THE AGREEMENT WITH TRANSCO. MOSSADEGHI WAS HOPEFUL THAT THE DEAL WOULD GO THROUGH IN SUBSTANTIALLY ITS PRESENT FORM BUT HE SAID THAT SOME REPRESENTATIONS MIGHT BE USEFUL WITH THE SHAH WHEN HE
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4. IT IS SOMEWHAT PREMATURE TO ATTEMPT TO DIVINE WHETHER THIS WILL HAVE IMPLICATIONS TO OTHER US INVESTMENTS IN THE ENERGY FIELD. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE IT IS VERY CLEAR THAT THE SHAH'S VIEWS ARE MOVING IN THE DIRECTION OF LIMITING THE SALE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS--CRUDE OR GAS--WHICH WILL SIMPLY BE BURNED UP. THERE IS SOME EVIDENCE THAT THE ASHLAND ARRANGEMENTS ARE IN PERIL FOR THE SAME REASON.
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